ABSTRACT

In order to improve a starting device (100) for at least one internal combustion engine, in particular a pull-rope type starting device for at least one two-stroke or fourstroke motor, which comprises at least one pulley or rope drum (4) which is rotatably held in at least one housing (1), wherein said starting device, for generating the drive torque for the motor shaft by means of at least one handle (10), in particular by means of at least one starter handle or pull handle, is rotatable by way of at least one load transfer means (9), in particular by way of at least one starter rope or pull-rope, and by way of at least one elastic coupling element (6), in particular by way of at least one spiral spring, is connected to at least one engaging element (5), in particular to at least ratchet-type engaging element, by means of which the drive torque can be transmitted to the motor shaft, such that the elastic coupling element (6) or a part thereof can simply, effectively and reliably be prevented from entering the design-related gap between the pulley or rope drum (4) and the engaging element (5), it is proposed that at least one bushing or sleeve (8), in particular a thin-walled bushing or sleeve (8), be provided in this gap, by means of which bushing or sleeve (8) said gap can at least partly be filled.